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ELIZABETH CANNING,

Drawn from the Life, as ſhe ſtood at the Bar to receive her Sentence, in the Seſſion's-Houſe, in the *Old-Bailey*.

THIS unfortunate young Girl was indicted for wilful and corrupt Perjury, for ſwearing againſt *Mary Squires*, commonly called the OLD GYPSEY, and her Evidence ſtrongly corroborated by VIRTUE HALL, a Woman that liv'd with Mrs. *Suſannah Wells*, that kept a Houſe of Ill Fame at *Endfield Waſh*, where *Canning* ſwore ſhe was rob'd by the GYPSEY, and confin'd twenty-eight Days. Upon the Evidence of theſe two Parties, the GYPSEY was capitally convicted, and receiv'd Sentence of Death accordingly, and Mrs. *Wells* burned in the Hand, with ſix Months Impriſonment, for concealing the Felon after the Felony was committed. Soon after that abandon'd Wretch *Virtue Hall* recanted, and ſaid that what ſhe had ſworn againſt the GYPSEY, was intirely falſe, and that ſhe never ſaw ELIZABETH CANNING till the Time ſhe was brought down by ſome Gentlemen to ſurvey Mrs. *Wells*'s Houſe. This Recantation occaſion'd a ſtrict Enquiry into this myſterious Affair.

Upon that Enquiry a Bill was preferr'd, and found to be a true Bill by the Grand Jury on that Head. Some of her Friends entered into a Recognizance of a large Sum, that ſhe ſhould appear, and take her Tryal at the Seſſions following: Accordingly on the firſt Day of *May* 1754 ſhe was ſurrender'd, and appear'd at the Bar, and was arraign'd; and immediately the Court proceeded to Tryal, which laſted that Day, and the ſix ſucceſſive Days following. When the Tryal was over, the Recorder of *London* repeated the Evidence on both Sides, and gave his Charge to the Jury in a very impartial Manner. The Jury then withdrew, and was out of Court about two Hours; and on their Return, which was about two o'Clock, on the 8th, in the Morning, gave in their Verdict that ſhe was GUILTY, but not of wilful and corrupt Perjury. Upon that Verdict the Court was pleas'd to inform them, that they muſt conſider what they were about, that they muſt either acquit her, or bring her in guilty of the Indictment; they went out a ſecond Time, and ſoon return'd, that ſhe was guilty.

Immediately ſhe was by the Court committed to *Newgate*, where ſhe continu'd till the 30th; then ſhe was brought to the Bar again, to receive Sentence in Purſuance of an Adjournment from the 13th. When the Court proceeded to paſs Sentence, which was one Month's Impriſonment, and Tranſportation for ſeven Years, to one of his Majeſty's Colonies in *America*; after hearing every Thing that could be urged in behalf of the Priſoner, to obtain an Arreſt of Judgment, or a new Tryal, by ſeveral learned Council. There were preſent in Court at that Time the Right Hon. *Thomas Rawlinſon*, Eſq; Lord-Mayor of the City of *London*, who always preſides in this Court during the Mayoralty; the Right Hon. Lord Chief Juſtice *Willes*, Mr. Juſtice *Denniſon*, Mr. Juſtice *Clive*, the Barons *Legg* and *Smyth*, and the Recorder, with ten worthy Aldermen, two of which joined with the Judges, *viz.* Mr. Alderman *Janſſen*, and Mr. Alderman *Dickinſon*, who all concurred in the above Sentence. The Court was mov'd by Sir *John Barnard*, ſenior Alderman, and Member in Parliament for the City of *London*, that the Sentence might be mitigated to ſix Months Impriſonment, which met the Approbation of ſeven more of the Aldermen then preſent, *viz.* Mr. Alderman *Benn*, Sir *Robert Ladbroke*, Mr. Alderman *Alſop*, Mr. Alderman *Cockayne*, Mr. Alderman *Bethell*, Mr. Alderman *Alexander*, and Sir *Richard Glynn*; but was over-rul'd.

In purſuance to her Sentence, ſhe was remanded back to *Newgate*. During her Confinement, the great Reſort of Perſons occaſion'd an Order from the Sheriffs, that Nobody be admitted without their ſpecial Licence; after which ſhe had the Misfortune to fall dangerouſly ill, as was ſuppos'd, by a Gaol Diſtemper; whereupon both Phyſicians and Surgeons were by ſpecial Order ſent to viſit her, and by ſuch proper Attendance ſhe was recovered of her Indiſpoſition; and on *July* 17th, at the Opening of the Seſſions, a Motion was made, that the Court ſhould contract with another Perſon, inſtead of Mr. *Stewart* (who is the preſent Contracter) for the Tranſportation of Felons, to carry her to *America*; and Mr. *Stewart* in Court conſented to wave his Contract; the Motion was granted, on a Diviſion, (as we are inform'd) the preſent Contracter being to tranſport her to ſome of his Majeſty's Colonies in *America*, according to her Sentence, under the uſual Penalty. There were preſent in Favour of this Application, the five following worthy Aldermen, Sir *Robert Ladbroke*, Sir *Joſeph Hankey*, Mr. Alderman *Alſop*, Mr. Alderman *Alexander*, and Mr. Alderman *Scott*; Lord Chief Baron *Parker* and the Recorder againſt it. And *July* 20th, about Four in the Afternoon, ſhe was by a Warrant directed to the Keeper of *Newgate*, ordering him immediately to deliver her to her Friends, to tranſport herſelf according to the Contract, made and provided in that Caſe; and on *Wedneſay*, *Auguſt* the 7th, ſhe embark'd on board the *Myrtilda*, Capt. *Budden*, bound for *Philadelphia*.

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